

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 2090

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Human Services & Corrections, February 22, 2008

Title: An act relating to the Washington family policy council.

Brief Description: Adding the director of the department of early learning to the family policy council.

Sponsors: Representatives Dickerson, Dunn and Kenney.

Brief History: Passed House: 1/23/08, 97-0.

Committee Activity: Human Services & Corrections: 2/21/08, 2/22/08 [DPA].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS

Majority Report: Do pass as amended.

Signed by Senators Hargrove, Chair; Regala, Vice Chair; Stevens, Ranking Minority Member; Brandland and Carrell.

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Background: The Legislature enacted the Family Policy Initiative in 1992 which created the Family Policy Council (FPC) to design and carry out principle-centered, systemic reforms to improve outcomes for children, youth, and families. The FPC is comprised of 14 members consisting of the Superintendent of Public Instruction; the Secretary of the Department of Social and Health Services; the Secretary of the Department of Health; the Commissioner of the Employment Security Department; the Director of the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development (or the Director's designee); one Legislator from each caucus of the Senate and House of Representatives; and one representative of the Governor.

The Department of Early Learning (DEL) was established in 2006 as an executive branch agency. The department's primary duties are to implement early learning policy and to coordinate, consolidate, and integrate child care and early learning programs to promote an efficient use of funds.

Summary of Bill (Recommended Amendments): The DEL and the Office of Public Defense are added as members of the FPC.

EFFECT OF CHANGES MADE BY HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS Committee (Recommended Amendments): The Office of Public Defense is added as a member of the FPC.

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Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: None.

Persons Testifying: No one.